from Koppa to Chikmagalur. Year after year they become almost impassable in the monsoon. A rumour has reached the Association that the present Executive Engineer is cutting down the rates. The Association hope that this is not the case.

Dewan's reply.—The point is noted. Government will do all that may be necessary to keep the roads in fair order and the attention of the Chief Engineer will be drawn to the remarks now submitted by Representatives.

Subject No. 19. Game Law.

Summary of Discussion.—Some two years ago, the draft of a Game Preservation Act was submitted to the North Mysore Planters' Association when it expressed its complete approval of the same and the Association would be glad to know what progress it has made towards becoming Law. Unless immediate action were taken there would be hardly any game to protect.

Mr. Elliott also spoke a few words to urge the importance of this Act on the notice of Government; he said that the first sign of advancing civilization was the protection of wild animals. A Game Law was often one of the earliest laws enacted in British Colonies. A Game Law was very much needed in Mysore, where for instance, the spotted deer is becoming very rare, if not extinct. And it is so with Bison. The killing of cow-Bisons is as unsportsmanlike as it is opposed to Hindu feeling, and it behoves Mysore as a Native State to be particularly jealous of its wild animals. Early legislation is necessary.

Dewan's reply.—The Madras Government sent up a measure very much like that which was proposed for Mysore, but the Secretary of State vetoed it on the ground chiefly that it would interfere with the ordinary rights and privileges of subjects. It is well therefore that we should revise our proposals, so as to meet the objection taken to the Madras measure. The precise nature of these objections is being ascertained. The whole subject is engaging the consideration of Government.

Subject No. 20. Railways.

Summary of Discussion.—The North Mysore Planters' Association wished to inform Government of the immense benefit that the Railway running through Kadur is to them, and to express a hope that at some time not very distant date, they may see French-Rocks, Hassan, Chikmagalur and Kadur connected by rail. They also most fully appreciate the advantage of having a line of telegraph running through the Planting Districts.

On this subject, a subsequent speaker (Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao, Representative from the Chikmagalur Municipality) spoke to the effect that even more than a branch line of Railway to Shimoga, a line from Kadur to Mangalore was important, and would prove most valuable by opening out a large tract of